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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the status of the Egyptian Embassy in the State of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amre MOUSSA
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt concerning the status of the Egyptian Embassy in Kuwait

An official source in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has stated as follows:

In the context of Egypt's commitment to resolution 5036 of 3 August 1990, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session held at Cairo, Security Council resolution 662 (1990) of 8 August 1990 and resolution 195 of 10 August 1990, adopted by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Cairo, which resolutions state, inter alia, that the decision of the Iraqi Government to annex the fraternal State of Kuwait is illegitimate and unlawful, which regard that annexation as null and void and which withhold recognition of any effects or consequences arising therefrom, and on the basis of its concern to safeguard the interests of Egyptian citizens working and residing in Kuwait, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has decided that the Egyptian Embassy and Consulate in Kuwait should be maintained.

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt would like to affirm that, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, in conformity with the rules of international law and on the basis of the practice established by international custom, the Iraqi authorities in Kuwait have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all Egyptian diplomatic personnel working in the State of Kuwait.

The authorities in question are, moreover, to be held fully responsible for maintaining the inviolability of the premises of the Egyptian Embassy and Consulate in Kuwait and that of Egyptian diplomatic residences.

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt hopes that the Iraqi authorities will abide by all the provisions of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, that they will refrain from engaging in any act or deed that might constitute a breach of those provisions and that Egyptian diplomatic personnel will be able to perform their duties in a normal manner.